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not feel concerned about doing that. School systems are not going to have a difficult time meeting these increased standards. I would urge your support for this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Anyone else to speak on the Vickers amendment? I guess you may close, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, very briefly I would only tell you that there were those folks that had a great fear as to what the Department might do in their definitions of an instructional hour. I need to make it clear to you that the Department has already started the process and has indicated that they will count passing time, that is the time spent going from one class to the next as part of instructional time, as part of the hour so that there won't be that great fear by some people that this is going to cause a great increase in the amount of the school year as far as the length of time is concerned. And I believe that the department is and the State Board is cognizant of the concern of some folks and would ask for the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Can we have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) The question is the adoption of the Vickers amendment to LB 994. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Thirty seconds to record your vote on the Vickers amendment to LB 994. Please record your vote. We are voting on the Vickers amendment to LB 994. If there are members outside who want to come in, please record your vote. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 3 nays on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion prevails and the amendment is adopted. Anything else on the bill? The Clerk will read matters for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, your committee on Enrollment and Review reports 682, 880, 880A, 1034, 1126, 1127, 1128, 1129 all correctly engrossed. Senator Carsten would like to print amendments to 962 and Senator Higgins to